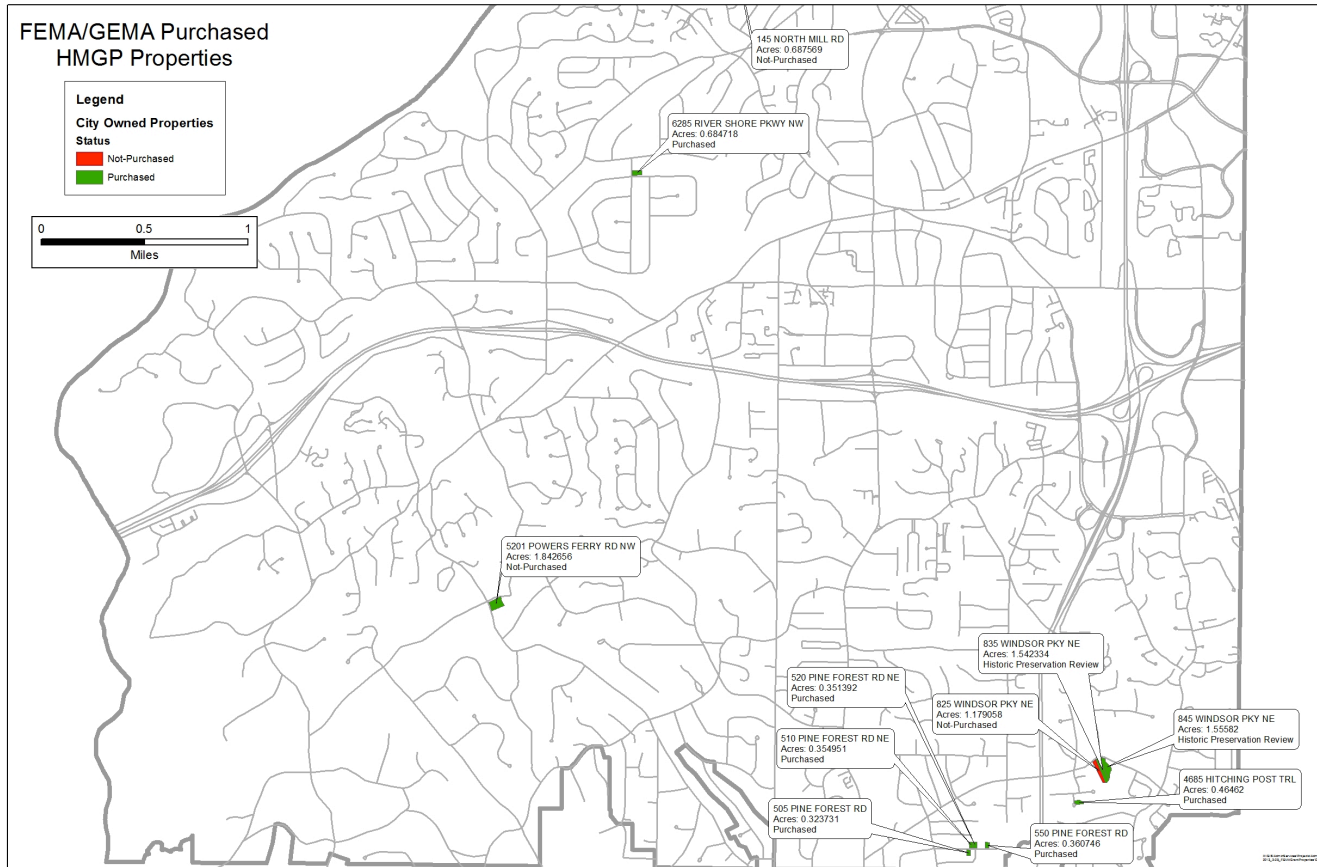


# GREENSPACE IN THE FLOODPLAIN

Allowed uses of properties purchased with federal assistance



The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides federal funding for local governments to purchase substantially damaged structures in the floodplain, to demolish and/or remove the structures, and to maintain the use of the Property as open space in perpetuity. The City of Sandy Springs was awarded and accepted a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in September 2010.

After demolition, FEMA limits use of the property to one of the following approved uses:

1.a. Compatible uses. The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space for the conservation of natural flood plan functions. Such uses may include: parks for outdoor recreational activities; wetlands management; nature reserves; cultivation; grazing; camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation); unimproved, unpaved parking lots; buffer zones; and other uses consistent with FEMA guidance for open space acquisition, Hazard Mitigation Assistance, Requirements for Property Acquisition and Relocation for Open Space.

1.b. Structures. No new structures or improvements shall be erected on the Property other than:

- A public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;
- A public restroom;
- A structure that is compatible with open space and conserves the natural function of the floodplain, including the uses described in Paragraph 1.a., above, and approved by the FEMA Administrator in writing before construction of the structure begins.



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**Before any alternative uses can be implemented, the City must seek approval from GEMA and FEMA. Ownership of the parcels can not be transferred from the City to other entities.**

The map on the prior page illustrates the locations of the acquired and under contract properties in the City. Parcel addresses are given in the table below.

145 North Mill Road	835 Windsor Parkway	510 Pine Forest Road	4685 Hitching Post Trail
5201 Powers Ferry Road	845 Windsor Parkway	520 Pine Forest Road	6285 River Shore Parkway
825 Windsor Parkway (contract pending)	505 Pine Forest Road	550 Pine Forest Road	

Possible alternative uses of the parcels include:

- Neighborhood parks or playgrounds
- Community gardens
- Dog Parks
- Other uses that encourage outdoor recreational activity

In order for an alternative use to be pursued, the City will require the submission of:

- A design plan for the proposed alternative use;
- A funding plan for the proposed alternative use (excluding ongoing maintenance costs); and
- An agreement demonstrating the commitment of the neighborhood / Homeowner's Association to the proposed alternative use.

If your neighborhood is interested in the City seeking approval for an alternative use of the property, or for additional information on the properties or the grant conditions, contact Eden Freeman, Assistant City Manager at [efreeman@sandyspringsga.gov](mailto:efreeman@sandyspringsga.gov) or 770.206.1418.